

## 8048 program computes 16-by-8-bit quotient

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Many 16-by-8-bit divide routines for 8-bit microcontrollers yield an 8-bit result and an 8-bit remainder, thus forcing the divisor to be greater than the most significant byte of the dividend so that the result may be contained in 1 byte. But for many industrial applications, this restriction is intolerable.

The divide routine presented here for the 8048 microcontroller eliminates the above requirement by furnishing a 16-bit resultant and an 8-bit remainder. Yet it uses only the same number of registers as a typical 16-by-8-bit divide routine.

In the algorithm employed, the divisor is shifted left until the most significant bit is a 1 and the cycle counter, register R<sub>5</sub>, is incremented once for each shift. Next the dividend is shifted left until the most significant bit of the high-order byte is a 1; the cycle counter is then decremented for each shift. The divisor is repeatedly subtracted from the higher-order byte of the dividend and the results shifted left. A 0 is added to the result if the subtraction generates a carry, a 1 if it does not do so. This process continues until the cycle counter is decremented to 0.

In order to facilitate simultaneous shifting of the dividend and the results, register R<sub>2</sub> and the accumulator are used to hold the result and the initial dividend. When R<sub>2</sub> reaches zero, the division process is complete and the remainder is separated from the quotient. The remainder, which is contained in the high-order byte of the results, is first brought to its proper significance by shifting it to the right until its least significant bit is located in bit 0 of the accumulator. □

### 8048 PROGRAM FOR 16-BY-8-BIT DIVISION

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00009      ;
00010      ;
00011      ;      THIS IS A 16-BY-8-BIT DIVIDE ROUTINE THAT
00012      ;      PROVIDES A TWO-BYTE RESULT AND A ONE-
00013      ;      BYTE REMAINDER
00014      ;
00015      ;      AT ENTRY:
00016      ;      A = UPPER 8 BITS OF DIVIDEND
00017      ;      R2 = LOWER 8 BITS OF DIVIDEND
00018      ;      R1 = POINTER TO DIVISOR IN RANDOM-ACCESS MEMORY
00019      ;
00020      ;      AT EXIT:
00021      ;      A = UPPER 8 BITS OF RESULT
00022      ;      R2 = LOWER 8 BITS OF RESULT
00023      ;      R1 = POINTER TO REMAINDER IN RAM
00024      ;      C = SET IF DIVISOR IS 0 OR
00025      ;      GREATER THAN THE DIVIDEND
00026      ;
00027      ;
00028      ;
00029      ;
00030 0100 960A      DIVIDE      JNZ      DIVIDE1      ; THIS SECTION
00031 0102 2A                XCH      A, R2          ; TESTS THAT
00032 0103 37                CPL      A              ; THE DIVIDEND
00033 0104 61                ADD      A, @R1         ; IS GREATER
00034 0105 37                CPL      A              ; THAN THE
00035 0106 61                ADD      A, @R1         ; DIVISOR
00036 0107 F653            JC      ERROR1
00037 0109 2A                XCH      A, R2
00038 010A 21      DIVIDE1    XCH      A, @R1        ; TEST IF
00039 0108 C652            JZ      ERROR              ; DIVISOR "0"
00040 010D BD01            MOV      R5, #01          ; PRELOAD COUNT
00041 010F F215      DIVIDE2  JB7      DIVIDE3        ; LEFTHAND JUSTIFY
00042 0111 E7                RL      A              ; THE DIVISOR
00043 0112 1D                INC      R5            ; INCREASE CYCLE
00044 0113 240F            JMP      DIVIDE2          ; COUNT

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00045	0115	19	DIVIDE3	INC	R1	; STORE
00046	0116	2D		XCH	A, R5	; COUNT
00047	0117	A1		MOV	@R1, A	; IN RAM
00048	0118	0308		ADD	A, #08	; INCREASE
00049	011A	2D		XCH	A, R5	; COUNT BY 8
00050	011B	C9		DEC	R1	
00051	011C	85		CLR	F0	
00052	011D	21		XCH	A, @R1	
00053	011E	F227	DIVIDE4	JB7	DIVIDE5	; LEFTHAND
00054	0120	97		CLR	C	; JUSTIFY THE
00055	0121	2A		XCH	A, R2	; DIVIDEND
00056	0122	F7		RLC	A	
00057	0123	2A		XCH	A, R2	; DECREASE
00058	0124	F7		RLC	A	; CYCLE
00059	0125	ED1E		DJNZ	R5, DIVIDE4	; COUNT
00060	0127	37	DIVIDE5	CPL	A	; SUBTRACT DIVISOR
00061	0128	61		ADD	A, @R1	; FROM MOST SIGNIFICANT BYTE OF
00062	0129	37		CPL	A	; DIVIDEND
00063	012A	E62F		JNC	DIVIDE6	; IT
00064	012C	B631		JF0	DIVIDE7	; FITS
00065	012E	61		ADD	A, @R1	; DOES NOT FIT
00066	012F	A7	DIVIDE6	CPL	C	; PREPARE FOR SHIFT
00067	0130	95		CPL	F0	; INTO RESULT
00068	0131	2A	DIVIDE7	XCH	A, R2	; SHIFT CARRY
00069	0132	F7		RLC	A	; INTO RESULTS
00070	0133	2A		XCH	A, R2	
00071	0134	F7		RLC	A	
00072	0135	E638		JNC	DIVIDE8	; 1 SHIFTED
00073	0137	85		CLR	F0	; INTO CARRY
00074	0138	95	DIVIDE8	CPL	F0	; SET FLAG
00075	0139	ED27		DJNZ	R5, DIVIDE5	; REPEAT
00076	013B	A1		MOV	@R1, A	; SAVE HIGH RESULT
00077	013C	19		INC	R1	; GET
00078	013D	F1		MOV	A, @R1	; INITIAL
00079	013E	C9		DEC	R1	; COUNT
00080	013F	AD		MOV	R5, A	
00081	0140	F1		MOV	A, @R1	; GET HIGH RESULT
00082	0141	67	DIVIDE9	RRC	A	
00083	0142	97		CLR	C	; RESTORE
00084	0143	ED41		DJNZ	R5, DIVIDE9	; REMAINDER
00085	0145	21		XCH	A, @R1	; SAVE IT
00086	0146	19		INC	R1	; GET
00087	0147	21		XCH	A, @R1	; INITIAL
00088	0148	2D		XCH	A, R5	; COUNT
00089	0149	97	DIVIDEA	CLR	C	
00090	014A	A7		CPL	C	; REMOVE
00091	014B	F7		RLC	A	; REMAINDER
00092	014C	ED49		DJNZ	R5, DIVIDEA	; FROM
00093	014E	51		ANL	A, @R1	; HIGH RESULT
00094	014F	C9		DEC	R1	
00095	0150	97		CLR	C	
00096	0151	83		RET		
00097	0152	21	ERROR	XCH	A, @R1	; SWAP DIVISOR/DIVIDEND
00098	0153	97	ERROR1	CLR	C	
00099	0154	A7		CPL	C	; SET CARRY
00100	0155	83		RET		
00101				END		